

DEPTHS OF PRAYER SERIES

**THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY**

*Rev. 19:10 The apostle John after his series of revelations says; And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

Now just a side line before we go to the main topic. You notice that the person who was with John from the beginning was introduced as an angel. Yet at the end, he introduced himself as one of the redeemed saints. *I am of your fellow servant and of your brethren.* In other words the angel was saying that I am one of you. In other words this is one of the former saints who have died in the Lord, gone to heaven and he is serving God as an angel, with many other former saints.

Isn't it wonderful to think that your loved ones right now could be serving God as angels? That depends of course on their spiritual lives. So some men of God who have gone there may be today serving God as angels. Your parents who have died may be around serving God as angels. Some of you have lost your children when they were little babies. By now they have grown. They may be serving God as angels. Of course there are special angels who are assigned to do special work.

That is not our message tonight. But what we want to see is the second sentence there he says. *Worship God for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.* The word testimony is from the Greek word *marturia*. The different derivations of this word

are words like *marturion* and *martureo*. They mean witness, to witness, to testify. And here it is a noun. It means a testimony. With that in mind the word *marturia* is where we get the English word *martyr*. A martyr is one who bears witness. Today the meaning has expanded to mean one who is willing to die for the Lord. So it says the testimony, the witness or whatever you call it the evident of Jesus.

See a testimony is evidence. When you go to court as a witness, what are they asking for? Evidence. They are not interested in a second hand witness. They want a first hand witness. They want you who have come from the scene to say what did you see. They want evidence by which they could establish a fact. And that is what they are saying here: the testimony of Jesus Christ, the evidence of Jesus Christ being present, the evidence of the Spirit of Christ being present here is the Spirit of prophecy. That is a very powerful statement. That classified every revelations of Jesus Christ to be prophetic. That means every of the manifestation of Jesus Christ is prophetic.

Here the word prophetic seems to point to the predictive element of Jesus Christ. He has the ability to know the future. He knows the past, the present and the future since He is the Alpha and the Omega. That is Jesus Christ. Since He is Almighty God He knows everything except His coming, which was reserved by the Father. The Father knows all things. He is God. The devil doesn't know everything. But Jesus Christ knows all things. So the testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of prophecy. It's the ability to know to understand what we consider the future.

We want to see a topic that we will call the art of seeing into the future. We are not a cult. We are not going to talk about fortune telling. The art of seeing the future is not going to enable you to know which lottery numbers will strike. That's not what we are talking about. These things make you lazy. They destroy your character. It harbors greed in your life. Anything that is from God will bring you into His nature, into His character. God will not do something that is contradictory to His nature. But we are talking about the art of seeing into the future. We are talking about the predictive, prophetic element of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

To establish that point, we need to look first at the gospel of John 14: 26, *But the helper the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name. He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance that I said to you.* That is talking about all things that you need in the present and all things you need in the past. So you have the present and the past. Then in John 16: 13, *However when He the Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own authority but whatever He hears He will speak. And He will tell you things to come.* Now here is a promise that is not just for a prophet. Here is a promise to all believers. The Holy Spirit will show you things to come. Things to come refer to the future. You could put the phrase there and he will show you the future. When the Spirit has come He will show you the future.

That verse is the harmony and the interpretation of Revelation 19: 10 where the testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of prophecy. The witness of Jesus Christ is the same spirit of prophecy. For when the Spirit come didn't the bible say they shall see visions and dream dreams. What elements are they talking about? They are talking about revelations of things to come. God has a plan and He is interested in us knowing that plan, understanding that plan and become part of that plan. That's why when the Spirit of God comes He shows us things to come. He shows us the future. He shows us His plan for the general earth and heaven. And He shows us His plan for your life. He shows you His plan for your nation. He shows you His plan for your family. He shows you His plan for your ministry. He shows you His plan for all things. In other words He shows you the future.

So at this point of time we would have firmly established the theological truth and fact that God does shows us the future. It is firmly established. You go trace through the whole bible and show even for the experience of the people who had known God, that every man who had known God in the bible has always been told things of the future. It has been established a theological fact. So we may even titled this message as the art of seeing into the future.

There are four basic elements of seeing into the future in the bible. And they grow in degrees of powerfulness. They grow in degrees of intimacy. The first is the lowest and the fourth is the highest. The first is what I call the seed form ability to see into the future. All these four we are talking about abilities that come from God. You

can see an aspect of the seed form in the natural. It's very hard for an average person to just judge from a seed, unless you are familiar with the fruit. Here is where when you see a seed in the natural, you could sort of visualize the plant because of your experience. So from the seed you could tell the future of the plant. And then you could take the seed and sort of say it will produce a good plant, a strong plant or a bad plant. That is why when farmers want to plant, they select the best seeds. They don't take the skinny seed that has a genetic effect. They don't take those defective seeds and plant them because defective seeds will produce defective plants. So to a certain extent you could tell the future of the plant and what it would be like from the seed.

Now all of us started as a biological seed. But there are other areas where the ability to see into the future is what I call the seed form method. Where when you look at a child, under the Spirit of God in the first method, you could sort of tell what kind of child this will be. Through a few months spending your time with that child, you would know that this child is going to be a musician. Or if the child has a voice that sounds like a train taking off from a railway station, you could say probably this child could turn out to be an evangelist. So in a certain way there is a wisdom of God there is a truth and Spirit of God involved that gives you the ability to see the future through certain acts.

Let me show from the bible in the book of Hebrews 11: 23, *By faith Moses when he was born was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw that he was a beautiful child and they were not afraid of the king's command.* You read the Old Testament story when he was born they sensed something special about him. The ability in a very small way is manifested when you grow in experience. And in adult life you could tell a person character by their face. You could tell a kind face or a hard face or a soft face. I am not talking about the thickness of their skin. I am talking about the expression on their face. In the natural for a few moments you could tell an angry face from a friendly face. When a person is angry you can't hide it. So you could from the face without a word what kind of character that person has. If you begin to develop the right character your face does change. That is why sometimes you see a hard nut criminal come right to the altar and he cries, "Jesus come into my life." After three months you can see the softness in his face. So you could tell to a certain extent in a very small way by natural knowledge and experience a person's future, a person's reaction on certain things by the way they look. And also by the

way they walk; by the way they drive the car. Do you know that the way you drive the car reflects your character. If you drive the car very fast you know this person lack patience. The way he drive the car is the way his character is. You can't hide; it just comes out naturally. You want to pretend also cannot since smoke comes out. You can't help being yourself. This is what I call the ability to tell the future of a person by the seed form.

You work with someone for a while you sort of know their future. When you talk to people who just started in life, you could tell from your knowledge of them how successful each one will be. This kind of prediction is quite inaccurate. And the accuracy is dependent upon your own wisdom. This is the aspect of discernment, discerning a person's future, discerning a person's character. We are not talking about the word of wisdom yet. We are talking about normal knowledge in that. So there is a powerful spiritual aspect of the natural ability.

We look at Moses in the book of Exodus when he was born. Exodus 2: 2, *So the woman conceived and bore a son. And she saw that he was a beautiful child.* Now Hebrew word *beautiful* conveys a lot of meanings. It conveys that there is brightness of a future they see in that child. And no doubt that child is going to deliver the whole nation. So there was something they recognize. Now Moses didn't come out from the womb and say let my people go. But they could discern his future and his calling just by looking at him. This is the predicted element that comes from the seed form method.

Jacob expresses an aspect of that. Towards the end of Genesis you read the predictions of Jacob. Jacob was not a prophet in a sense. Gen.49 Jacob was predicting all his twelve sons. We are talking about the future. He is talking about his children's descendants. The question is how did he predict the future? What elements did he use? Of course we know it is the spirit of prophecy.

But the spirit of prophecy flows in four rivers. It flows through the predictive element of what I call the seed form method. Notice what Jacob said. And then you have a few keys here. It says in Genesis 49: 1 he was telling them their future, *And*

*Jacob called together his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days."*

*In Gen. 49:3 Reuben you are my first born, my might and the beginning of my strength, the excellence of dignity and the excellence of power. Unstable as water you shall not excel because you went up to your father's bed, then you defiled it you went up to my couch.*

That doesn't look like a blessing. Jacob was not blessing anything. If you look carefully you are not sure whether it is because Reuben defiled his father's bed that the judgment and curse came on him. Or that Jacob tapped into the seed form method and uttered that prophecy based on the ways of Reuben. Jacob sort of knew the kind of descendants that will come forth from Reuben from just a few special acts that Reuben made. You know in your lifetime you did a lot of things. You said a lot of words. But there are some words that stand head and shoulders above the others. There are some actions in your life that stand head and shoulders above all the rest that you remember. And in the whole of Reuben's life this one bad act of his stood head and shoulders above the others. This form of predictive element looked at that action of Reuben that stood head and shoulders above his other actions. Somehow that action of defiling his father's bed was an expression of his entire future. And through the seed form method Jacob could predict the kind of future descendants of Reuben will be like.

Almost every one of Jacob's children there were some elements in their actions. You may be puzzled between two things. Whether it was their action that brought the judgment or the blessing. Or it was what we are studying here the seed form method where they could discern through their work, through their deed, seeds of the future. As you see the seed of Reuben, you will find that Jacob's prophecy was applicable and accurate. As you see the seeds of Judah or Ben or any other tribes you will also find the Jacob's prophecies were applicable. So it goes on to the others like in verse five, *Simeon and Levi are brothers, instruments of cruelty are in their dwelling places.* Here of all the things they have done, the way they have treated others in anger and cruelty stood out. Notice how the anger came out through their lives. In verse six it says, *For in their anger they slew a man and in their self-will they hamstringed an ox. Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce.* Now of all their life the one seed element that came out was their anger. So Jacob said this will be what your

descendants will be like. They will be a bunch of angry cruel people.

These children of Jacob have grown up and they were fathers and maybe even grandfathers. Of all the many things they did, there was some thing they did that stood head and shoulders and was the expression of their future. There was a special seed in each of Jacob's children that stood apart. So by looking at that special seed Jacob was able to tell what will befall their descendants.

It's just like today they are trying to invent, modify and make a new rose. They try to alter the seed. They take a blue element from another different plant. The gene that causes it to be blue and attached it to the seed. So by looking at the seed under the microscope you could tell what color it will turn out to be. Analyzing the chemicals in that gene, if I see certain chemicals there, I know it will produce certain colors. So by the seed you can tell the color of the rose.

Looks like a curse but we know that Levi was blessed. They became the very people that were chosen as priests. So he is not just talking about a curse. He is talking about predicting the future. And in no way could you predict in a natural way their future just from their anger and what they did. Because there might have been other things he said which were not recorded. In verse seven, *I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel*. How can you tell? Just because of the way they treat the ox. And Jacob said, "O they will be scattered all over Israel." Which was true. The tribe of Levi was scattered over all Israel. They don't have a whole state to themselves. They were scattered to all the Levites cities. He predicted the future from the seed that he could see in their life.

In verse ten, *The scepter shall not depart from Judah*. Then he remembered something Judah did in verse eleven, *Binding his donkey to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine. He washed his garments in wine and his robes in the blood of grapes. His eyes are darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk*. Now Jacob must have seen something in Judah that speaks of his noble character and his caring attitude. Perhaps Judah this may be the actual truth. Perhaps Judah when he was a little baby had teeth whiter than anything he had seen. So by looking at them he said this is a leader.

There is no natural way you could predict.

Now these are not truths that you grab independently of the Spirit of God and then go out and start predicting. We are talking about something that took place under the anointing of the prophecy. The spirit of prophecy must anoint you first. But when the spirit of prophecy anoints you, you must know how it can flow. Otherwise when the spirit anoints you, you are thinking and trying to hear, "Thus says the Lord." You cannot hear that if it comes in a seed form. All you do is a sort of spiritual recognition. There is a spiritual recognition that you see and you know. That is called the seed form method of prediction.

And it tends in the natural and in the spiritual growth to be stronger the older you grow in the Lord. When the prophet Joel prophesied that old men shall dream dreams, we must understand that there are two different Greek words for *dream*. There is a special word for *dream* that is used there. It talks about seeing into something. So it is not the normal word for *dream*. So it was talking about those who are old in the Lord who are able to exercise these elements called the seed form method of prediction. That is why you found that when these people are old like Jacob, he could predict the outcome of his children's descendants by looking at his children's most outstanding actions. He couldn't do that when he was young. But towards the end of his life he laid hands and he could predict. That's how even under normal growth in the Christian life, if you really have walked with the Lord by your natural growth in God, you grow into the seed form method of prediction. The older you grow you develop that quite naturally spiritually. See the more experience you are in the Lord, the more you have this first method when the spirit of prophecy comes on you.

Now the second and the third go very closely together. Look at the book of Numbers 12: 6-7, *Hear now my words: If there is a prophet among you I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision and I speak to him in a dream. Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face even plainly and not in dark sayings and he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses.* You will hear the words dark sayings coming again in the book of Psalms.

You see the second and third method here. The second method when the spirit of prophecy which is the Spirit of Jesus Christ when He comes on you in the predicting and seeing in the future is what I call in the second method enigmas and mysteries. Enigma is something of what we call a dark saying like a parable. It is given to you but you don't quite understand. God was trying to tell Miriam and Aaron here saying that is how I normally treat my prophets. Line upon line, precepts upon precepts. I give them dark sayings, mysteries that they themselves don't understand. They can only yield to the Spirit of prophecy and prophesy. They prophesy things that they do not understand. They speak of things that they themselves don't understand. That is called an enigma. Normally we speak what we understand. But in prophecy the second method of prediction you speak what you don't understand.

You remember the high priest where Jesus was brought before him. He talked about how a man must die for the sake of the nation. He meant it as a judgment to Jesus. But by virtue of his position as a high priest, it was a prediction that Jesus will die for the nation. I don't think the high priest meant it as a prophecy. He meant it as a judgment. But he speaks what he knows not. When he spoke it, he was no prophet. But the bible in the gospels record it and say that is the prophecy of Jesus die for the whole nation.

In the book of Second Peter 1: 20-21, *No prophecy of the scriptures is of any private interpretation. For prophecy never came by the will of man.* There it tells you that you cannot predict just because you want to predict. You cannot predict just because you look at the crystal ball, that is unscriptural and demonic. You don't predict the future by seeing the shape of the tea leaves in the tea cup. These are demonic but there is another element of prediction. You cannot predict by the will of man. It has to be the Spirit of God coming upon you. It says here *for prophecy never came by the will of man but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

Lets look at First Peter 1: 10, *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently who prophesied of the grace that will come to you, searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ who was in them indicating when He testified*

*beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.* Now here it says they prophesied certain things that they themselves were searching what the meaning was. So what we are saying here is the second method an enigma.

Now enigma can only happen when you are very yielded to the Lord. Where the Spirit of God just flow out of you so supernaturally that sometimes you are not even aware of what you say. Like some of you when you begin to tap into the spirit of prophecy, you start with a sentence or two. As you begin to say it suddenly a gust of other things come forth. And then more and more things come out from you. And you say things that you know not. Now under normal circumstances if you say what you know then you should shut up. But here under a prophetic anointing because the Spirit of God wants to bypass our minds and you began to speak enigma and parables that you yourself does not understand. Now this second and third are closely linked.

The third is powerful. The third is the prediction of the future like God telling you directly. It is called the fellowship method. Of course the seed method is a low profile type, which is the main thing. Some of these old people just taste it before going to die. Jacob laid hands and predicted the future of his children's descendants. He only tasted the trickle of the spirit of prophecy. It was the first taste, first level. You haven't move into second floor, third floor. So old Jacob just about to die and he tapped into the spirit of prophecy. He prophesied and died. A lot of people live and die without tapping the second level. They never move into enigma.

Now enigma is not only for the prophets. Normally the prophet function in second and third because the spirit of prophecy is especially prominent among the prophets. And some prophets don't move into the fourth at all, which is the most powerful. So the second and third are closely related. It has to do with a special anointing that come even though you may not be a prophet. It can still come upon you. It can come through visions, dreams or through whatever vehicle that comes. You don't understand it. It is like a mystery. It can be like a parable form. But it predicts your future. It predicts the nation's future. It predicts the world future. It needs interpretation. It is a mystery and enigma.

The second is powerful fellowship. God told Aaron and Miriam off because they felt a bit passed by in their positions. They said, "Moses we are the same like you. Does God only speak to you and not to us?" God replied, "I speak to the prophets through visions and dreams. But to Moses is face to face." God was making a difference. Obviously if you read Numbers 12, God was talking about two levels. Moses has moved from the second level to the third level. And Aaron and Miriam were still on the second floor. So prophetic move was entering that lift. Some people enter that lift. Some don't even enter that lift. They were outside the lift. Aaron and Miriam have gone into the lift of prophecy. They press the button up but the lift open only at the second floor. They think they are very big already. What they didn't know was Moses already knew what second floor was like. Moses was living on third floor. Third floor has different furniture. At the second floor the furniture are all covered in mysteries. You don't know whether that is a chair or table. You just say furniture. Third level God comes right down to you and say this is going to happen in the future. Under the third level it comes at your level and your language in ways that you completely understand. No mystery not even a vocabulary problem. If your vocabulary is elementary five that will be the level God will come to you. That is the third level it is called the fellowship level.

An example of that you can find in the book of Genesis 18: 17. The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?" Now God is going to reveal something to Abraham. But He is not going to reveal it in the seed form or in His dreams. Abraham would have to interpret it if the revelation came in seed form or in his dreams. God never, God chose to fellowship with him and God said I tell you what I want to do. When you move into the third floor or prophecy, you don't even need to interpret. He means what He says and He says what He means. And it come to pass precisely exactly according to what He tells you. He came to Abraham and said, "I am bringing judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah." You don't even need to interpret. "Shall I hide from Abraham?" God asks. He will not because Abraham was a friend of God. And Moses was a friend. Moses has moved onto the third floor. God could just say Moses what do you think? I am going to do all these things. Remember God had told Moses, "Moses move aside I want to destroy these people." Moses said, "No Lord, what will the heathen think of You?" Remember Your promise and Your covenant. From that day onwards Moses entered the third floor of the spirit of prophecy. So from that onwards God tell Moses what He wants to do. He tells Moses the secret things. O what fellowship. That is a powerful

predictive element. God just tell you this is going to happen.

These are the different levels of the spirit of prophecy that you move into. At the first level only your ankles get wet. At the second level is right up to your chest. At the third level you are able to float in it. But at the third level you are floating in it. And if you sink you are swimming in it. There is no current yet. The waters are still. Fellowship is face to face. And the fourth level you move into the current. It becomes a river. The third level you are just in the swimming pool of God. It is the place of fellowship. At the third level the divine flow is more powerful.

Before we move into the fourth level lets give more scriptures for the relationship between the second and third level. You must understand the movement between the second and third level. As I said these two are closely related. Look at the book of Daniel 7: 1-2, *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions on his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts. Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. And four great beasts came out from the sea, each different from the other. And then he described what each animal did. So Daniel moved into the second predictive element. Here was the predictive prophecy that revealed the future. But it came on the second level. It was enigma and mystery. You need an interpretation at stage two.*

And notice what happens after he had received all these things, he wrote them down. And some time had passed by. Verse 15, *I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. So Daniel had received at the second floor of prophecy. He moved into the prophetic lift and he was welcomed into the second floor. He moved out and he saw all these visions. He went back into the lift and he could not understand what it was. And as he was grieved and praying and praying, God spoke to an angel and said go down and bring Daniel up to third floor. So the angel came down brought Daniel to the third floor and that was fellowship. God saw the pain in Daniel's life when he didn't understand something. Daniel was someone who wanted to understand. He couldn't stand something he couldn't understand. And so God saw his condition and said bring him over to the third floor. And in verse 16, "I came near to one of those who stood by and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation*

*of these things.*” And then in fellowshiping with the angel, the angel explained everything to Daniel.

You could see how Daniel moved from the second floor to the third floor. And it was the third floor that he understood. How did the understanding come? How did the prediction come? It came through fellowship. He was just fellowshiping with an angel. That's not the only time. In chapter eight the same thing happened again. In Daniel 8: 1 he received a predictive prophecy at the second floor of prophecy. And of course he didn't quite understand. Verse 15 *Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen a vision and was seeking the meaning.* Now he got into the habit of seeking for the meaning. He was not satisfied to remain at the second floor. Do you know a lot of people will be happy with second floor? People who are not satisfied with second floor are those who love to pray. Those who received a precept and a line and they said Lord I know there is another precept and a line following it. But the average Christian will just taste the seed form and they are happy. Just like some Christians being baptized in the Holy Spirit and pray in tongues for an hour. They think that is a big deal. You don't know what praying in tongues is yet until you have prayed for six to eight hours per day.

So we have here those who move into the second level and they receive visions. But they don't understand the vision. They forgot that they are only at the second floor. And so it is only those who are extra hungry like you here tonight. Some of you have received a lot of things in your home at the second level. You don't understand that is why you come for overnight prayer. Like Daniel you come to seek the meaning of what God had spoken to you. Sometimes you come for overnight prayer and you are saying God I want to hear You. This is not the only place He speaks to you. He speaks to you in your home. He speaks in your private life. But there are some things He spoke to you at the first level. Something He spoke to you at the second level. And there is no way you can get into the third level unless you fellowship with Him. By fellowship I mean you really spend time with Him. You give six hours to Him you give eight hours. You take the whole day off and the boss asks, “Are you sick?” “No boss, I want to spend time with God.” What do you do? All I do is to get into the room get on my knees and pray until the next day. That is spending time with God. So we are talking about people who are hungrier for God. Then you must be in the third floor.

Tonight it is possible for you to move into the third floor. Whatever God has shown you thus far, you only have half a precept. Get the other part. Get into God like Daniel who hungered after God. God will move you into the third floor and fellowship with you. It is so clear it is just like God's voice telling you. This is what going to happen in your business.

The fourth stage is what I call the most powerful. It is called the mind of Christ. It sounds like the first stage but it is more powerful. At the third stage you are fellowshipping with God. At the fourth stage you are like God. You function like God. You think like God. You see like God. You predict like God. Can you imagine if tonight if you have the mind of Christ, you are totally a different person? Can you imagine thinking like Christ? If you think like Christ of course you see like Christ. And of course you know like Christ.

Let me show here in the book of First Corinthians 2: 9. He is talking about deep things of God. He says *eyes has not seen nor ear heard nor has entered into the heart of man*. See fourth floor seldom entered. He is talking about a spiritual ethic that very few know even exist. *Eyes have not seen nor ears heard nor has entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love Him*. And the word *love* in the Old Testament was the word *wait*. The corresponding verse is found in Isa. 64:4. It goes on in verse ten *but God has reveled them to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things even the deep things of God*. He is talking about really the deep things, the depth of God, the knowledge, the wisdom and the richest storehouse. He talks about knowing things that nobody else knows. That is why in verse eleven the context is still there. *What man knows the things of a man?* Now the things of a man the way the bible use it is always refer to past, present, future. It refers to everything about a man, everything about a person's future, everything about the future of the nation and everything about the future of this planet earth. It says *what man knows except the spirit of man?*

This fourth floor was never possible in the Old Testament. In the Old Testament your maximum was third floor. In the New Testament you could go to first floor, second floor, third floor and fourth floor. Here it says *now we have received not the*

*spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God. Look at what he is saying here. That we might know the things that has been freely given to us by God. Your future, your life, everything that is recorded in God's book. The future of your business. The future of your ministry. All your future is there. But this is where the bull's eye is given to you in verse sixteen, Who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him. But we have the mind of Christ.*

See the secret is the mind of Christ. When the mind of Christ comes into your life you move into the level that Jesus moved into. Do you know that when Jesus was on this earth He knew everything that was to happen? There was nothing that happened that He did not know. The fact that He knew the night He was betrayed He says someone is going to betray Me. He knew everything. He says the Gentiles will hand Him over to be crucified and three days He will rise up again. And Peter says, "O Lord everyone will depart but not me." He says, "Well in your case you will deny Me three times before the cock crow thrice." He knows all things. He looks at Nathaniel and says, "You are an Israelite in whom there is nothing false." He knows all things and that is the mind of Christ. He knows the future and he was just a perfected man. He came to show us what Adam could have been like. Now we are talking about the Adam's nature before the fall. Do you know Adam moved into the first level? When he saw the animals he knew what it was like. He could see the animals and he could see and he knew what its name was. See that is the first level. Then later the second and third level was revealed in the Old Testament.

But only when Jesus came, the fourth level was revealed. Through the Spirit of God He knew all things. That is the mind of Christ. Here is how it relates to us tonight in Romans 8: 26-27, *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses for we do not know what we should pray for as we ought. But the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.* Of course it includes tongues. Now how who searches the heart knows what the mind of the Spirit is. You must understand that the mind of the Spirit is the mind of Christ, is the mind of the Father. And that is the mind that is promised to us. If you have the mind of the Spirit you have the Holy Spirit because the Spirit knows all things. How does Jesus know all things because the Spirit reveals all things and searches all things. And it turns back into the mind of Christ for us.

Look at the next word in verse 27 in case you have never looked at it carefully. *Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.* Do you notice the word *because*? If you look at it in the English it doesn't tally. The word *because* gives you the reason for what comes before the *because*. If I say, "I am here because of this meeting," it is because of this meeting that I am here. If you say I am going by train because the bus broke down. So anything that follows *because* is dependent on what came previously. Anything that comes after the *because* explains the previous sentence. In verse 27 it says *Now He who searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit.* He is telling us how he got into the mind of the Spirit. He is telling us that he is moving into the mind of the Spirit. The searcher of our hearts and the searcher of the mind of the Spirit. The searcher who knows about the mind of the Spirit. He is talking about knowing the mind of the Spirit because he makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

So I could simplify it this way. Knowing the mind of Spirit or the mind of Christ because of intercession. It says knowing the mind of Christ. We know the mind of Christ. He knows the mind of the Spirit because he makes intercession. And if you study the sentence it doesn't make sense. Of course he knows his own mind. When he talks about the Spirit, he talks about the mind of the Father. He talks about the Eternal Mind that created all heaven and earth. And he talks about how the Spirit of God knowing the Eternal Mind because the Spirit of God makes intercession. So the simple principle is I know the mind of Christ, I know the mind of the Spirit because I make intercession according to the Spirit flowing in me for myself, for the saints. That means this because of intercession you know the mind of Christ. Therefore the more you intercede the more you get into the mind of Christ. Because of prayer you tap on the mind of Christ. You tap on the mind of Christ the more you pray. The less you pray the less you will know of the things of Christ.

You could apply the truth in many ways. Based on that therefore the less you pray the more dangerous you are. You will depend on your past and your present analysis. But the more you pray you will move into the ability to tap into the future. It will make your decisions smarter and sounder. So don't stop praying. The day you stop praying is the day you go back to your old ways. You are going to do things in your old way by your past experience to your old world. There is only one person who knows the future. Even the devil doesn't know. He doesn't know what

is going to happen. The bible says if the devil knew what is going to happen he wouldn't crucify Jesus. Sometimes he couldn't make up his mind. Through Peter he didn't want Jesus to go to the cross. Then through Judas he put Jesus to the cross. He couldn't even make a decision.

And that particular passage talks about praying in the Holy Spirit. Now you see another important benefit of praying in tongues. The longer you pray in tongues the larger the mind of Christ is manifested in your life. Because when you pray in tongues you speak mysteries. Your spirit taps on to the mysteries already and it is a matter of time before the mysteries get into your soul and your intellect. That is why we are gathered together to pray in tongues. So that tonight you can move into the fourth level the mind of Christ through praying in tongues. So that you could be in tune with God and tap into the mind of God.